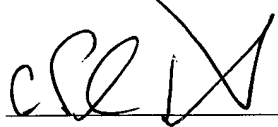
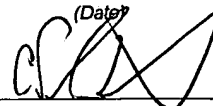


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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated June 4, 2004 regarding the above-identified patent application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 9 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 13 of this paper and include attached Replacement Sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix** included amended drawing figures is attached following page 18 of this paper.